Beggars In the Champs Elysees Are Bold and Numerous

LACE-MAKERS ARE HIT

BY RAOUL DE SAINT RENE. Paris, Oc. 10 .- (Spl.) -- Opium, as has repeatedly been explained, is committing vavages among officers and men in the L'aval ports, and now the "Intransigeant" comes out with a doleful tale of the addiction of stu-dents in the Latin Quarter to mor-

It says that the you, ng men who have yielded to the mor phine habit are not content to satisf," this unwholesome craving in solicude, but must needs find companions, so that whole groups are corrupted, and the

evil is steadily increasing. Nor is this deplorable weakness limited to the male sex. Young wo-men, as a matter of fact, have set the bad example in the Quarter and the men have followed suit.

The paper, indeed, calls on the po-lice to keep a sharp eye on the establishments of various druggists who, as it alleges, dispense morphine on the strength of prescriptions which are manifestly concected.

It is to be hoped that there is con-siderable exaggeration in these assertions, but as the attention of the auit ought to be possible to form a tol-erably clear idea of the true state of things when the schools reassemble and the Latin Quarter is itself again.

The begging nulsance in the Champs Elysees has become so serious that the shopkeepers in that quar-ter have at last been compelled to ask the police to put an end to it There are begging impostors every where, but recently the Champs Ely-sees and the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne have had more than their share.

They have become very bold, these beggars. They will leap on the steps of carriages and offer bunches of withered flowers (H the occupants. The latter do not want the flowers. but it is useless to tell the beggars that; they will remain on the steps

until money is given to them.

Other beggars, when refused alms at houses, use threatening language, and laugh defiance when the police

are mentioned.

The number of spurious crippled and blind people in Paris has reached alarming dimensions. These impostors usually live in Faubourg Saint Antoine, the Maubert quarter, the Faubourg du Temple and the Montaigne Sainte Genevieve.

In their lodgings they contrive their frauds by which they transform themselves into cripples. When they return home of an evening their in When they firmities disappear as if by enchant ment, and they make merry with the money they have obtained from the charitable, but credulous, public.

Maxime du Camp took up the study of the beggars of Paris and he found that they were divided into two categories—the ambling and the seden-tary beggars. The former infest the boulevards and the public walks; the latter have their special stands. Some of these stands are very valuable possessions. When their holders have made money enough, they sell them to the highest bidder. A blind man recently sold his stand for

A recent innovation is the polyglo beggar. His clients are foreigners. He learns just enough English, Ger man, Russian and Spanish to enable him to appeal for assistance. You will find him in the vicinity of the big hotels and in the grand boulevards. He is usually well-dressed, and there is nothing aggressive about him. He does his begging in a gen-

tlemanly way. Another type of beggar is the man who calls at your house. He is a master of politeness. He poses as an author, a professor, or an artist in distress, and usually succeeds in melting the hearts of those he calls

The pocket-book of one of these beggars was seized by the police a short time ago. It contained detailed particulars of his operations. The names and addresses of his clients were also set forth, also the dates of his visits, and the amounts he had received.

There were instructions as to how these clients had to be handled. For example, W was at first inclined to be rather skeptical. To melt the heart of X, it was necessary to speak of his last novel. Y was simple and always sympathetic; while to get money from Z, the beggar had only to vilify the Free-masons. It was calculated that this beggar made

The lace-makers of Calais are in spair. Fickle fashion is serving nem badly. Lace is not wanted so such now, the reason being that ladies are dressing themselves like umbrellas, dispensing with those un-der garments which usually required adornment. The future for the industry is black, because fash-

as decreed that fashionable wo the paniers of Louis XVI. in consequence, and many out work.

e is another reason for the s in the lace trade. A craze p tulle has set in. It is ared at Caudry in the Nord, of Calais. An employer gives or the falling off in the lace points out that eight years can gold poured into Ca everybody prospered. By things hitherto made d lace was one of the

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